

Attachment 2: DISCARDS OF MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE, 1994
ARRANGED IN DESCENDING ORDER BY WEIGHT⁵
(In thousands of tons)

	Thousand tons	Percent of total	Percent subtotals
Components comprising > 10% of total MSW discards			
Yard trimmings	23,600	14.8%	<u>14.8%</u>
Components comprising 3-10% of total MSW discards			
Food wastes	13,590	8.5%	
Corrugated boxes	12,710	8.0%	
Miscellaneous durables	10,240	6.4%	
Wood packaging	8,780	5.5%	
Furniture and furnishings	7,510	4.7%	
Newspapers	7,410	4.6%	
Other commercial printing	5,650	3.5%	<u>41.2%</u>
Components comprising 2-3% of total MSW discards			
Other nonpackaging paper	4,480	2.8%	
Paper folding cartons	4,180	2.6%	
Glass food & other bottles	4,010	2.5%	
Clothing and footwear	3,940	2.5%	
Office-type papers	3,880	2.4%	
Third class mail	3,790	2.4%	
Glass beer & soft drink bottles	3,600	2.3%	
Miscellaneous nondurables	3,400	2.1%	
Rubber tires	3,130	2.0%	<u>21.5%</u>
Components comprising 1-2% of total MSW discards			
Miscellaneous inorganic wastes	3,100	1.9%	
Disposable diapers	2,980	1.9%	
Tissue paper and towels	2,860	1.8%	
Other plastic packaging	2,540	1.6%	
Carpets and rugs	2,310	1.4%	
Plastic wraps	2,050	1.3%	
Plastic other containers	1,920	1.2%	
Paper bags and sacks	1,820	1.1%	
Plastic bags and sacks	1,550	1.0%	<u>13.2%</u>
Components comprising < 1% of total MSW discards			
Steel cans and other packaging	1,510	0.9%	
Magazines	1,510	0.9%	
Major appliances	1,460	0.9%	
Glass wine & liquor bottles	1,350	0.8%	
Other paper packaging	1,110	0.7%	
Aluminum cans and other packaging	940	0.6%	
Books	920	0.6%	
Trash bags	910	0.6%	
Paper plates and cups	870	0.5%	
Small appliances	750	0.5%	
Towels, sheets, and pillowcases	640	0.4%	
Paper milk cartons	520	0.3%	
Telephone directories	420	0.3%	
Plastic plates and cups	420	0.3%	
Plastic milk bottles	400	0.3%	
Plastic soft drink bottles	320	0.2%	
Other paperboard packaging	300	0.2%	
Other miscellaneous packaging	180	0.1%	
Lead-acid batteries	110	0.1%	
Paper wraps	90	0.1%	<u>9.2%</u>
Total MSW Discards	159,760	100.0%	100.0%

⁵ Source: Characterization of Municipal Solid Waste in the U.S.: 1995 Update, U.S. EPA, page 123.